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SUBJECT: CAUTIONARY WORDS TO YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE
CURRENT STRUGGLE

1. SUMMARY: AN ARTICLE UNDER THE PEN NAME "CHING CH'ING,"
(SEEMINGLY A YOUNG WOMAN ALTHOUGH THE NAME IS ENTICINGLY
SUGGESTIVE OF "CHIANG CH'ING") ON PAGE 2 IN THE MARCH 3 GUANGMING
RIBAO, TITLED "REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH SHOULD SERVE AS THE VANGUARD IN
BEATING BACK THE RIGHT DEVIATIONIST WIND SEEKING TO
REVERSE PREVIOUS VERDICTS," APPEARS TO LAY OUT THE GROUND
RULES FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE CURRENT STRUGGLE. THE ARTICLE,
WHILE CALLING FOR PRC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS TO MOBILIZE AND STRUGGLE,
QUALIFIES ITS CALL-TO-ARMS BY CLEARLY PLACING THE PARTY
CENTRAL IN COMMAND, BY URGING FURTHER THEORETICAL STUDY, AND,
MOST NOTABLY, BY WARNING AGAINST ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO PRODUCTION
OR LEADING TO "THE MASSES STURGGING AGAINST THE MASSES."
END SUMMARY

2. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT "IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE AND DEVELOP
THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND VICTORIES OF THE GPCR, "WE SHOULD
IMMEDIATELY MOBILIZE, AND CLOSELY ADHERING TO THE STRATEGIC
DEPLOYMENT OF OUR GREAT LEADER CHAIRMAN MAO, SERVE AS THE
VANGUARD IN BEATING BACK THE RIGHT DEVIATIONIST WIND..."

3. THE CLARION CALL TO ARMS IS TONED DOWN CONSIDERABLY BY THE
RESTRAINTS ON STRUGGLE LAID DOWN IN THE REMAINDER
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OF THE ARTICLE: "THIS...STRUGGLE IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE

PARTY CENTRAL UNDER CHAIRMAN MAO'S LEADERSHIP. REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY, SHOULD PLAY AN EVEN BETTER VANGUARD ROLE. THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, THE RED GUARD, AND REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH MUST ALL STRENGTHEN PARTY CONCEPTS, OBEY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, AND IN ALL ACTIVITIES HEED THE PARTY'S COMMAND. WHERE THE PARTY POINTS, WE SHALL STRIKE."

4. AS IF TO FURTHER DAMPEN ANY POTENTIAL RAMBUNCTIOUSNESS, THE ARTICLE RECOMMENDS A VERITABLE LIBRARY OF REQUIRED READING: "IF REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH WANT TO PLAY THE ROLE OF VANGUARD IN THE... STRUGGLE, WE SHOULD CONSCIENTIOUSLY STUDY REVOLUTIONARY THEORY... WE SHOULD UNREMITTINGLY STUDY THE WORKS OF MARX, LENIN AND CHAIRMAN MAO AND DEVOTE ESPECIALLY SERIOUS STUDY TO THE THEORY OF THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT, AS WELL AS LEARNING A LITTLE MARXIST PHILOSOPHY AND CHINESE PHILOSOPHY; WE SHOULD CEASELESSLY RAISE OUR OWN AWARENESS OF CLASS STRUGGLE, LINE STRUGGLE, AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE REVOLUTION, RAISE OUR OWN STANDARD OF MARXISM, LENINISM AND THE THOUGHTS OF MAO TSE-TUNG, AND CLARIFY THE NATURE, GOALS, MISSION AND FUTURE OF THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION." BESIDES THEORETICAL STUDY, REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH SHOULD ALSO "MODESTLY LEARN FROM THE WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS," WHO ARE "THE MAIN FORCE IN THE REVOLUTION."

5. THE ARTICLE GIVES THIS CLEAR WARNING AGAINST RECURRENCE OF THE KINDS OF FACTIONAL STRIFE THAT CHARACTERIZED YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. "WE SHOULD BE VIGILANT AGAINST THE DISGUISES OF THE UNREPENTANT CAPITALIST ROADERS, WHO TO PRESERVE THEMSELVES PROVOKE THE MASSES TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MASSES, AND WE SHOULD GUARD AGAINST THEIR USE OF SABOTAGING PRODUCTION TO SABOTAGE THE REVOLUTION."

6. COMMENT: THOUGH CHIEFLY CAUTIONARY, THE ARTICLE IS ALSO INTERESTING AS ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE STRUGGLE IS EXPECTED TO LAST A LONG TIME, AND IN ITS SUGGESTION THAT PROBLEMS OF FACTIONALISM AMONG YOUTH MAY ALREADY BE STARTING TO APPEAR.
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